

2014, petitioner filed the instant motion requesting copies of the criminal information, transcripts, motion to continue and petition for action, without payment of fees. [DE 79]. The government opposes the motion. [DE 83].

DISCUSSION


“[T]he Fourth Circuit requires indigent defendants to show a ‘particularized need’” for requested documents. *United States v. Holloman*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 99748, *4 (E.D.N.C. Jul. 17, 2013); *Jones v. Superintendent, Va. State Farm*, 460 F.2d 150, 152–53 (4th Cir. 1972). An indigent is not entitled to a transcript at government expense in order to “merely [] comb the record in the hope of discovering some flaw.” *United States v. Glass*, 317 F.2d 200, 202 (4th Cir. 1963). Petitioner has not provided any justification at all to receive the requested documents at government expense. She has not made a showing of what she believes appears in the documents she requires and appears to merely seek to “comb the record.” Accordingly, her motion is denied. Petitioner is entitled to obtain the documents she seeks at her own expense, but not at the government’s.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, petitioner’s motion is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

This the 7 day of June, 2014.


TERRENCE W. BOYLE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE